

On the third day there
was a wedding at
Cana in Galilee, and
the mother of Jesus
was there.

John 2:1



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Lee Mills

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Jan. 9, 2022
ATTENDANCE - 16

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *How Great Thou Art*

arr. Cindy Berry

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

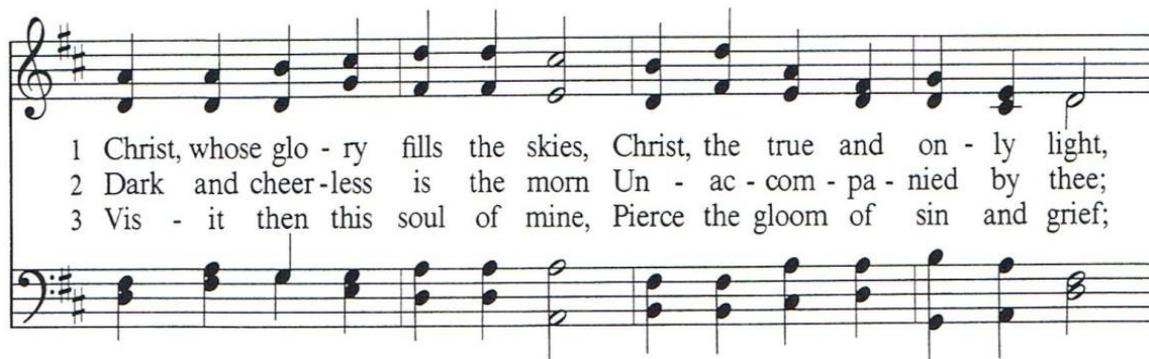
P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
Joy - less is the day's re - turn, Till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: J. G. Werner, Choral-Buch, 1815

RATISBON
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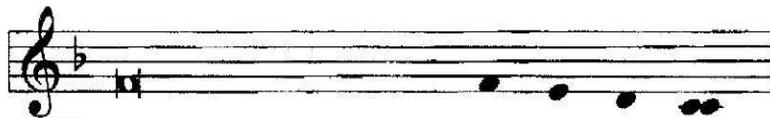
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 128

¹ Blessed are all those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

² **For you shall eat of the labors of your hands;
it shall be well with you, and happy you shall be.**

³ Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine upon the walls of your house,

⁴ **Your children like the olive branches round about your table.**

⁵ Indeed, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

⁶ **May the Lord bless you out of Zion;
may you see Jerusalem in prosperity all your life long.**

⁷ May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

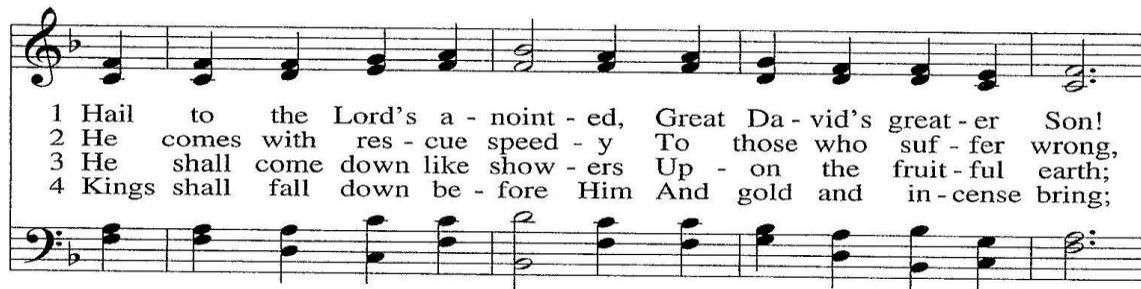
The assembly is seated.

SERMON

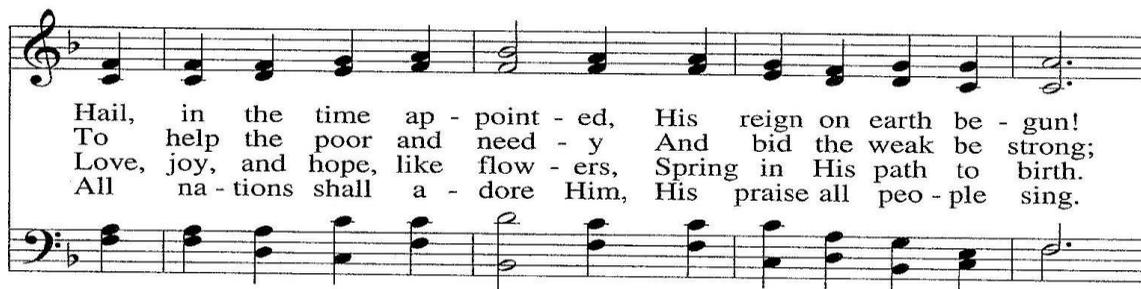
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

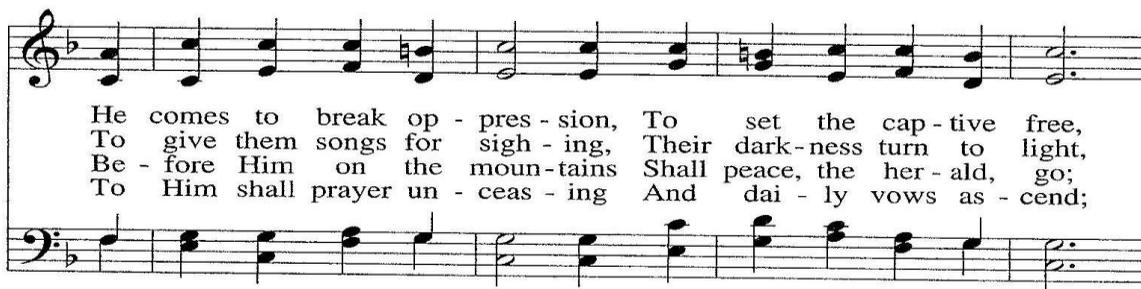
Hail to the Lord's Anointed



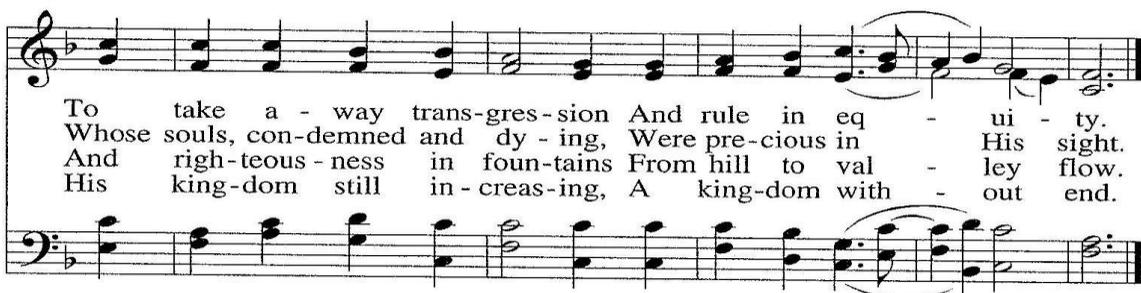
1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Ps. 72:1–17; 2 Sam. 7:12; Acts 10:38; Psalm 2

NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

RECOGNITION OF DEACON ARICA DEMME'S MINISTRY

**P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are
called to offer ourselves to the Lord of the Church in thanksgiving for
what he has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to
recognize and support Deacon Arica Demme who has volunteered
to assist with worship, music, preaching, pastoral care and women's
fellowship.**

**P: Having offered yourself in these ministries of this congregation, will you
follow our Lord's example of humble service?**

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in
your use of the means of grace and in prayer?**

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support and pray for Deacon Arica, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: Yes, by the help of God.

P: Let us pray.

God of majesty, whom saints delight to worship in heaven and on earth: Bless Deacon Arica's ministry and service in the life of our congregation, that we may know the joy of your presence and may worship to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: For all who offer themselves in your name, we give thanks, O God. Give them the joy of service, and constant care and guidance. Help us to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry. May your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Welcome from Congregation

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – Stand in place and greet at a distance

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -

joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has blest us on our

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is indeed right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



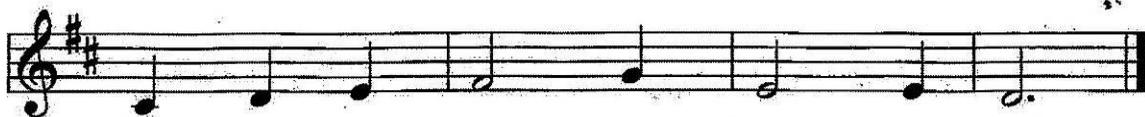
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen

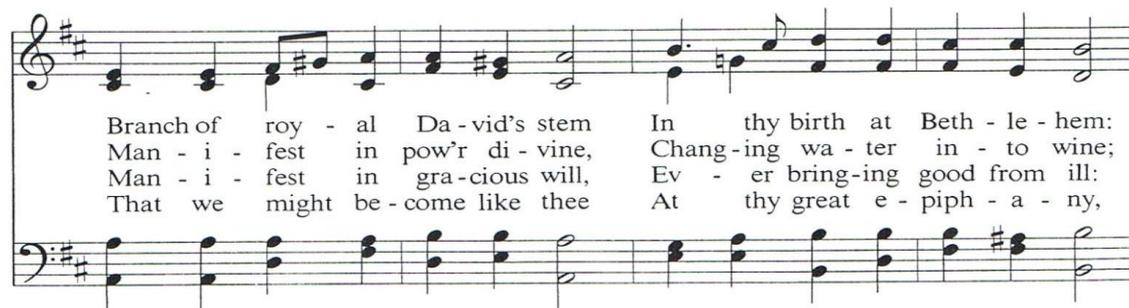
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



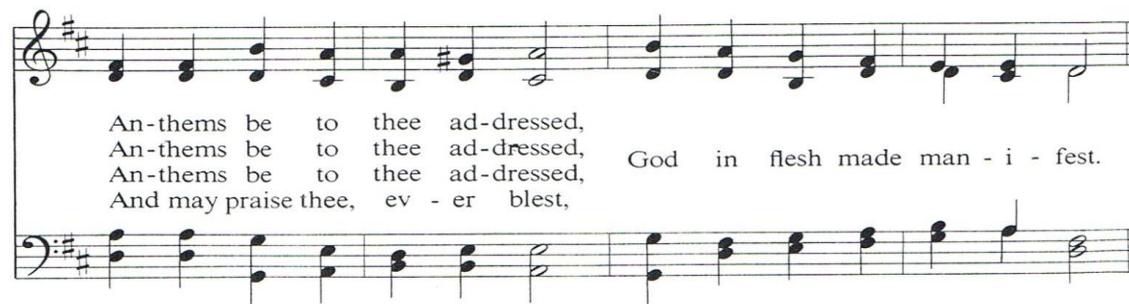
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Pres - ent in thy ho - ly Word;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In thy God - head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Grace to im - i - tate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 That we might be - come like thee At thy great e - piph - a - ny,



An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 An - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 And may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

arr. Richard Kingsmore

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

Deb Binder

Clair Crist

Donna Hildebeitel

Pauline Houck

Elizabeth Larsen

Sonya LaGamba

Earl and Janet Harry

Pr. Robert Kitchen

Additional prayers

Pastor Luke – ongoing medical issues

Teressa Mengel - seizures

Denny Raup – on feeding tube

Joan Kutz – early stages of alzheimer's

Matthew Seigford - chemotherapy

Joe Bustamante – treatable diagnosis

Michelle Immel - cancer

Family of John McHenry – mourning his
death

Jim Landers – broken rib

Pr. Rod Lilley – back pain

Bill & Rose Bennett – Covid

Family of Mervin Horst – mourning his death

Family of Ken Schwenzler – mourning his
death

Pr. David McGettigan – heart attack

Sonya LaGamba's daughter Bernadette –
Covid

Additional names during today's worship: To include a person for prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "*print*" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Become a Prayer Chain participant: Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills (jmills.email@comcast.net) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin: Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email rose.a.keller@gmail.com OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

COFFEE TIME

Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!



HASHING OUT THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS



All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School started on Sunday, October 3rd 10:30 – 11:30 am. We will have two groups.

Children toddlers-kindergarten age will meet in nursery room for Parents and Me class led by Melissa Cuff. We will have playtime while the adults have fellowship. Followed by a Bible story and age appropriate activity.



Older group will meet in the library upstairs. This will be led by Judi Reeder and Crystal Lepley.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to help/teach once or twice a month. Lessons will be prepared for volunteers in advance.

Any questions please see Melissa, Judi or Crystal.

2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!



The 2022 giving envelopes have arrived and have been placed in your mailboxes in the back hallway at church.

LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE

The Luther Lager League for men will meet at Jeff Schaum's home at 4150 Marietta Ave. in Columbia at 6:00 pm on Jan. 16th. All men are welcome for a relaxed time of sharing food and fellowship in Christ. Contact Pr. Mark or Jeff if you are planning to attend.



Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for the prayers, texts, cards and phone calls I received regarding my back surgery. All were appreciated and a great comfort to me as I recovered. I will be starting therapy soon and expect to return to work within a month. I miss worshiping with you and hope to see you soon! Michael Riggi

Sanctity of Life



January has become the month when the Church and many in our country focus on the sanctity of human life. This has come about because of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973, and the continuing fight to reverse that decision.

Here at Reformation, you will be given a number of opportunities to help support our belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

- On January 20, 2022, you are invited to attend the NALC Life Conference at Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpeper, VA. The conference begins with lunch, so we will be leaving at 8:30 AM. It will end at 5:00 PM. Please let Pastor Mark or Kandi Null know if you want to attend.
- On January 21, 2022, you are invited to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Please let Pastor Mark or Kandi Null if you are interested in going.
- On January 30, 2022, you are invited to hear Nyla Martin from Align Life Ministries speak during the Sunday school hour about the pro-life pregnancy services that Align offers. We will also be having a "baby shower" that day to provide items for the clients of Align Pregnancy Services. See the list of items that are needed on the following page.

We will be keeping all these upcoming events in our weekly prayers and especially Align Life Ministries with whom with partner financially. In addition, we want to keep the Supreme Court Justices in our prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide them to glorify God in their decision in the Mississippi Abortion Case of Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's House Organization.

Please keep all these in your daily prayers also. Thank you!

Items needed for the baby shower
(The ones in bold print are most needed.)

- Diapers: all sizes through size 6, especially sizes 4, 5 and 6
- **Pull-Ups: 2T-3T, 3T-4T & 4T-5T**
- Diaper Bags
- **Baby wipes**
- Diaper rash cream
- Baby food
- **New Boppy nursing pillows**
- **Table booster seats**
- **Highchairs**
- New or like new double strollers, regular strollers, and umbrella strollers
- New or like new Pack n Plays
- Diaper genies
- Crib bedding: pads and sheets (clients love earth tones like soft grays, mochas and blues)
- Sleepers: infant to 4T
- Clothing: infant to 4T –cool weather
- New layette items: brush and comb sets, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, digital thermometers, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, baby towels, washcloths and receiving blankets



January Council Highlights

1. **Financial** - RLC financial position is good. 2021 finished right on forecast (not budget).
2. **Winter weather** - We are in the season of snow and ice. In case of inclement weather during the week we will be following the Hempfield School District. If they close, all events and meetings for RLC will also. In case of inclement weather on a weekend Pastor Mark Chavez will send out an email to the congregation with information concerning how worship services will happen (in person, livestream, or GTM). For those who do not have email Pastor Mark will call them individually.
3. **Ash Wednesday March 2** - RLC will be having two services: 12:30pm and 7:00pm. The evening service will also be livestreamed
4. **RLC Calendar** - Communications Committee have been working hard on keeping RLC calendar up to date. Please send any committee meeting dates and events to Ray Kneisley to add to the calendar. We are also going to be using our A frame sign more often to advertise events at RLC. Please let Kandi know if you have events coming up.
5. **Christian Education Update** - We will be having a Mardi Gras Celebration on February 27th during Sunday School hour. We will be having some yummy treats and fun games.
6. VBS this year will look a little different. Instead of a weeklong VBS we will instead have VBS every Wednesday during the month of July. (July 6, 13, 20, 27th) from 6-8pm. Please consider volunteering once a week for this event. More information will follow.

Next Council Meeting Saturday February 12, 9-10am at RLC

CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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